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JURY FINDS FOR DEFENDENT McCULLOUGH VS. MOSSBACK CASE

The case of Robert McCullough, administrator of the estate of Charles McCullough, against the Arizona Mossback Mining company, was tried this week in the superior court before a jury, Judge E. Elmo Bollinger presiding. The plaintiff demanded \$25,000 damages for the death of Charles McCullough, who was killed in the mine of the defendant company on the 25th day of last June. The jury was empaneled in the case last Tuesday and after hearing the evidence and the summing up of the lawyers the case was submitted to the jury last Wednesday evening. After being out but fifteen minutes the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant company.

The plaintiff was represented by Barnum and Struckmeyer, of Phoenix, and the defendant company by John A. Ellis of Prescott, and Charles W. Herndon of Kingman. The verdict is the first one in the state that has been rendered under the state compensation law for the defendant, where a miner met death in a mine, although a number of verdicts have been rendered in the matter of death in surface occupations, where the defendant set up a plea of contributory negligence.

The facts as given the Miner at the time of the accident were that McCullough and two partners were working in the bottom of the Mossback shaft, which was then close to the 700 level. One man had gone on top and the other two had loaded a big round of holes. After spitting the fuse they got on the bucket and a signal to hoist was given. In some way the bucket was thrown off the chain ladder and McCullough was precipitated to the bottom of the shaft. The other man managed to grasp the ladder and climbed to the surface. It is supposed that the fall rendered McCullough unconscious and the shots killed him.

In connection with this case we want to again call the attention of the mining fraternity to the fact that they have no one to blame but themselves, having at the last election turned down a compensation law that was just and which could not be evaded. Every death or injury would have been paid for and without cost to the beneficiary. Take every suit that has been instituted in the state for personal injuries and very small judgments have been obtained, and at that the greater part of the recovery has gone to the lawyers and for court fees. It is to be hoped that the men engaged in hazardous occupations will vote in the affirmative when the matter is again presented to the voters of the state.

The superior handling of the defendant's case by Messrs. Herndon and Ellis was one of the features of the trial of this cause.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION TODAY

Mohave county democrats held a meeting at the courthouse in Kingman last Wednesday evening and elected the following delegation to the democratic state convention, which meets at Phoenix today: Frank Keefe, W. H. Stephens, Captain Jack Gibson, L. H. Foster, J. C. Wilson and Judge E. Elmo Bollinger. The whole delegation departed yesterday to Phoenix to attend the convention. The Phoenix convention is called to elect six delegates and six alternate delegates to the national democratic convention which meets in San Francisco next June.

BIG BARS OF BULLION FROM UNITED EASTERN

Monday last William Flanagan, bullion messenger for the United Eastern Mining company, brought in the big bars of bullion from that property. This company is turning out close to \$200,000 monthly from ore that runs considerably over \$20 per ton.

NOTICE

The Ladies of the Alter Society of the Catholic church will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day dance on March 17 as usual.

CLEVER DEBATE BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Sophomore and Junior classes of the Mohave County High School held a debate Friday morning, the question being:

"Resolved that the bodies of our heroes fallen in France should be returned to America."

The affirmative was taken by Geo. Claytor, Mayme Jenkins and Alta Miller. The negative by Kyra Salsman, Pearl Perkins, and William St. Charles.

The speakers advocating the return of the bodies gave as reasons that the government had pledged the people when the army first went over that all dying in foreign countries should be brought back for burial; that public sentiment was largely in favor of this pledge being fulfilled, as had been shown by letters sent out to the relatives of those who had died, and they made many good points favoring a return of our sacred dead.

Those who took the negative side claimed that it would be undemocratic to remove our dead soldiers from the land in which they had fallen to save the world to democracy, and cited the uncertainty of identification, and gave sanitary reasons to show that it was best to let them sleep where they had fallen.

The judges, consisting of Rev. T. H. Dodd, E. E. Armour, and Chas. Metcalfe rendered a decision in favor of the negative side of the question. Prof. W. L. Linville announced that this debate would be followed by a series during the remainder of the season.

The arguments were presented in a manner which showed that the scholars grasped the situation and their delivery and personality was all that could be desired or expected, and was a credit to the scholars and to the faculty.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WESTERN LODGE 12 K. OF P.

The anniversary celebration of Western Lodge number 12, Knights of Pythias, last Tuesday night was carried off with the best of good-fellowship.

Grand Chancellor J. A. Gilbert, the honor guest of the evening, gave an interesting talk to the members present, on Pithianism, going into the history of the order and telling of the work in different parts of the state. Later they retired to the banquet room where tables were set and a feed prepared, served by some of the boys, who made first class kitchen mechanics and "biscuit shooters". "Between bits" the assembly was treated to both classical and Jass musical selections by Thomas, Cross and Dubin. Different members were called upon to talk after which Grand Chancellor Gilbert presented a veterans jewel to Henry Leffler and a Past Chancellor's jewel to Fred Coolidge. A past Chancellor's jewel was sent to T. E. Carter who was unable to be present. The balance of the evening was given over to a general good time. Chloride members of the lodge are planning upon a club at Chloride which it is understood will be formed in the near future.

Also the band was discussed and it was decided that a dance will be given March 6, the proceeds from which will help defray the expenses of the band. An instructor for which will be arranged in the near future.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

This school month contains the birthdays of two notable men, Lincoln and Washington. Throughout the Kingman schools a study has been made of these two Americans, with particular attention to the sturdy qualities of character they typify. The schools believe that such attributes were never so needed as at the present time. The indomitable courage of Washington and the clear vision of Lincoln with his honesty of purpose make appropriate ideals for school students of today. Our country will need such leaders when these boys and girls of ours are ready to take up the reins of government.

JOSEPH E. CARROW CALLED TO BEYOND

Joseph E. Carrow passed away last Sunday morning at 1:05 A. M. and was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon. Death came after an illness of 7 days, starting with intestinal influenza and later developing into pneumonia. Everything possible was done to save him, oxygen being used at the last, but to no avail, as the heart action finally failed.

The deceased was 39 years of age having been born in the year 1880 in Modoc County, California. Coming here in the early years of his life, with his family, he became interested in the cattle business which he followed with good success up to the time of his death.

Funeral services were held from St. Mary's Church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Father Hootsman officiating. Previous to this, in the morning of the same day, high mass was said over the remains at the church, which was attended by the family and close friends.

The deceased had many friends in the county who were sorely grieved to hear the sad news. Always pleasant, and strong hearted, it seems but yesterday that he hailed us on the streets of Kingman with a pleasant word.

His family will miss him most. He leaves a wife and five children, four girls and a little son. He also leaves a mother, Mrs. Eliza Carrow, sisters Mrs. J. N. Goodwin, Mrs. J. B. Wright, Mrs. Leroy Borden and Marie Carrow, and brothers, Edward, Frank, Jerome, Melvin and Murray.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION FEB. 28

Delegates to the Republican state convention, February 28, at Phoenix, will leave Mohave county probably the morning of the 26th. Five delegates will go from this county: C. A. Patterson, H. H. Watkins, and T. S. Long from Kingman, Wallace Keith from Oatman and George Bonelli from Chloride. All of these will attend excepting perhaps Wallace Keith, who may not be able to go in which case he will send his proxy.

The delegates will go uninstructed. It was reported in a Prescott paper that they would go instructed for H. S. Clark for the U. S. Senate. Inasmuch as Mr. Clark's candidacy is foreign to the purpose of the convention, which is to elect delegates to the national convention at Chicago, this story is unfounded. However the meeting which elected these delegates to the state convention did go on record as favoring Mr. Clark's candidacy.

Who the delegates to the national convention will be is not predicted by Mohave county republicans. Among the six alternatives to be elected it is thought likely there will be some Arizona women.

DIED IN KINGMAN LAST WEDNESDAY A.M.

T. Z. Robinson, age 44 years, died in the early morning of the 18th at the Commercial Hotel, Kingman. Death was due to tuberculosis and pleurisy.

The deceased who was a resident at Oatman, shortly prior to his death, was in hopes of reaching the home of his mother at Joplin, Mo., before death overtook him, but was not successful.

He leaves a wife and a little five year old daughter. The body was prepared for shipment by C. R. Van Marter and sent to Joplin.

DEATH COMES TO CHILD RESULT OF INFLUENZA

Charles E. Reel, age 1½ years, passed away last Wednesday at the home of his parents, in the Metcalfe addition, Kingman. Death came as a result of influenza and bronchial pneumonia. Burial was the same day at Mountain View Cemetery.

J. H. (Hubert) Smith is much better and will be out in a few days. Hubert came down with influenza early this week.

TEMPLE 22, PYTHIAN SISTERS ORGANIZED

We failed inadvertently to mention last week the organization of Pythian Temple, number 22, which was instituted on Saturday, the 7th day of February, through the official ministrations of Mrs. Louise Summers, Grand Chief, of Prescott, Arizona, assisted by Mrs. Florence Bates, of that city.

The temple was started with 68 members, which is one of the largest ever instituted in the state. In addition to this there are more than 50 applications on file at this time.

The following officers were elected and installed:

Mrs. Lila Maddux, M. T. C. Mrs. Elizabeth Templeman, P. C. Mrs. Nettie Fancher, E. S. Mrs. Minnie Smith, E. J. Mrs. Eleanor Gaddis, Mgr. Mrs. Mary J. Musser, M. of R. M. C. Mrs. Lorraine Sharp, M. of F. Mrs. Gladys French, Protector. Mrs. Ada Roe, Guard.

Trustees: Mrs. Sadie Blakely, Mrs. Ida Atlee and Mrs. Erin Lammers.

After lodge work, refreshments were served.

A good many women from Chloride and other out of town places came in to attend the installation.

Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Bates returned to Prescott the following morning. Mrs. Summers, the present grand chief of the order, is one of the most popular occupants the office has ever had and indications over the state seem to indicate a most successful term of office.

The Pythian Temple has started off with an enthusiasm that speaks well for the future of the organization.

WORK TO BE DONE ON OATMAN ROAD

The state engineer's office is asking for bids for the construction of the highway between Goldroad and Oatman, which was surveyed a few years ago, but which for lack of funds and other causes has not been constructed. This road will have a grade of not to exceed six per cent for the whole distance. In connection with this part of the Kingman-Oatman highway the state purposes rebuilding that part of the road from Goldroad to the top of the mountain along the six per cent grade theory. As this county is to receive about \$150,000 federal aid, all roads built and which are to receive this aid must be built along certain lines that contemplate easy gradients. The road on the west side of Goldroad hill is rather heavy in places while one of the most important parts of the road has no turnout. It is expected that the roadway will be carried to the mountain top through another canyon and some distance from the present road.

With the building of this road and the construction of the east end of that highway the big gold camps on the west side will have a roadway that everyone may justly be proud of. The building of this roadway will be followed by the construction of the road to Topock, which will give one of the best possible outlets from the state and a junction with the good roads of our western neighbor.

VISITS KINGMAN AFTER ABSENCE OF 22 YEARS

Mohave county was visited this week by one of its old citizens, Ray Laswell, who spent a couple of days visiting with Sumner Beecher, of Kingman.

This is Laswell's first trip back here for 22 years and naturally he was much surprised at the changes in the town. Ray Laswell will be remembered by the old timers as the son of Young Andy Laswell, who is now at Tonopah.

Ray Laswell is traveling for the Simmons Hardware Company and makes his home in Los Angeles.

NEWT HART GOES INTO BUSINESS

Newt Hart is taking over the "Basket Grocery" on Fourth St. next to Watkins Drug Store, and will be open for business to-morrow morning.

Jesse Hulet went to Holbrook this week to take charge of his father's store for a month or so during the latter's absence.

HOPES TO HAVE SWIMMING POOL READY MAY 15

F. E. Boyd is continuing the financing of his amusement enterprise and hopes to have the work started on the building in the near future.

The location selected is on the corner of 3rd and Beale, just north of Boyd's Grill. The plans by Leshner and Kibby, of Phoenix, call for a pool 56 x 80 feet, with a graduated depth of from 2 to 9 feet. The shallower depth will be roped off and curbed to make it safe for children. In addition to this there will be a guard at the pool to prevent accidents.

At the deep end of the pool, springing boards, rings etc. will be provided for the older swimmers.

The water will be heated to an even temperature by pipes and a violet ray system of sanitation will be installed, as in all modern swimming pools. The water will be changed often enough to keep it sanitary and all bathers will have to go under the shower bath before entering the pool as an additional means of keeping the pool sanitary.

One hundred dressing rooms will be provided.

In addition to the swimming pool will be a dance pavilion and other forms of amusement.

It is the idea of Mr. Boyd that an amusement center of this kind will not only be a pleasure for the local people but the people of the country as well, as he believes that many out of town parties will come in from Oatman, Chloride and Hackberry and other places in the county.

Mr. Boyd will furnish the lots and \$5,000 in cash and he asks the public to help him with an additional \$3,000 in units of \$25 each in the form of notes bearing 10% interest and payable at the end of one to four years. The notes will be signed by Mr. Boyd and secured by any property he owns, including the \$5,000 or more invested in the project.

A swimming pool would be a good thing for the town, and undoubtedly Mr. Boyd will have no trouble in concluding the financing of the proposition. He expects to be ready to open by May 15.

WEDDED HERE LAST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

A pretty informal wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Rev. T. H. Dodd, the bride being Miss Anna Fay Erwin and the bridegroom Andrew Boyd Hardwick. The bride, with her mother has been spending the past few months with her uncle, W. A. Neal and family on the Sandy, having come to this state from Russellville, Arkansas.

Mr. Hardwick is well known in the county, being a mining engineer now in the employ of H. L. Foster, U. S. Mineral Surveyor.

Their many friends wish them a long and happy married life.

NEXT GUN CLUB DANCE BE NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

There will be no dance in Kingman to-night. The Kingman Gun Club had at first planned upon giving one of their series of dances on this date but owing to the fact that the Kingman musicians had been engaged for the dance at Oatman to-night, given by the Ellis Harbach Post, of the American Legion, it was called off. The Gun Club will give their next dance next Saturday night.

DISINTERRED REMAINS SHIPPED TO GRAHAM CO.

The disinterred remains of Joseph C. Givens were shipped from here this week to Graham County, Arizona. Givens was killed at the Red Top Mine, December 3, 1918.

J. N. COHENOUR SERIOUSLY ILL

J. N. Cohenour is in a serious condition. Mr. Cohenour was first taken down with sciatic rheumatism and later was taken with pneumonia. For the last two days his condition has been critical.

His many friends in Mohave county are hoping for a turn for the better soon.

COMBINATION SILVER MINES COMPANY TO OPERATE HERE

A new corporation, having the name of the Combination Silver Mines company of Hackberry has just been formed with Francis M. Townsend, of Los Angeles, as president and other wealthy Californians among the directors. The company is to develop the Combination mines, north of the old Hackberry. A hoisting plant and compressor are to be installed on the mines at once and within the next forty days the property will be actively at work.

The Combination was one of the north end mines that produced large tonnage of rich silver ores during the early days of the Hackberry camp, before the price of silver made it impossible to operate a silver mine at a profit. The mine was opened by shaft and tunnel, and the old workings still show bodies of ore that run from 20 to 100 ounces to the ton in silver. The company purposes large development and will rush shaft sinking as soon as the equipment is ready for commission. The company has a good showing of ores to begin operations on and it is our opinion that when the shaft reaches the water level it will have many important ore reserves opened. J. H. Townsend has been looking after the interests of the company at this end of the line and it was due to his efforts that this desirable piece of mining property was secured.

KINGMAN GUN CLUB SCORES LAST SUNDAY

Following are the scores made by the members of the Kingman Gun Club last Sunday morning:

H. H. Watkins, 19; Tom Devine, Sr., 21; C. A. Patterson, 13; J. C. Hulet, 20; Carl H. Weigman, 12; Joe Rosenberg, 11; Henry Lang, 16; D. Frieder, 18; Joe Steed, 20; Ray Robinson, 18; J. M. Gates, 16; George Musser, 12; McKesson, 16; George Fordistch, 15; Lou Robinson, 18; Charles Granger, 3; J. W. Patterson, 11; P. H. Martins, 13; J. H. Smith, 16.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION IN SESSION PAST WEEK

The members of the County Highway Commission have been in session during this week, but until a report is received from the state engineer it is impossible for a detailed report to be made. It is expected that the necessary information will be received in a few days and then the maps and other data that are necessary for the report will be put before the public. The commission has gone carefully over the roads of the county and has sized up the necessities of the various sections, so that when the report is ready to go out it will be very complete.

K. OF P. DANCE IS SCHEDULED MARCH 6

The Knights of Pythias are advertising a dance for Saturday night March 6, at the Odd Fellows Hall. There will be good music for the occasion, among the musicians being "Jimmie" James, and Cross.

The proceeds from the dance will be used to defray the expenses of the band which the Lodge is organizing. They expect to have an instructor for the band in the near future.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Morning service 11:00 a. m. Subject: Stewardship. Solo: Mrs. R. C. Johnson. There will be no service in the evening. The minister is a delegate to the "Inter Church Conference" at Phoenix, and will be absent during the week.

EPISCOPAL SERVICE

Rev. H. S. Brewster will hold the regular monthly services in Kingman Feb. 25th, 1920. Communion 7:30 a. m. at residence of Mrs. G. W. Gibson. Services at Odd Fellows Hall 7:30 p. m. All are invited.